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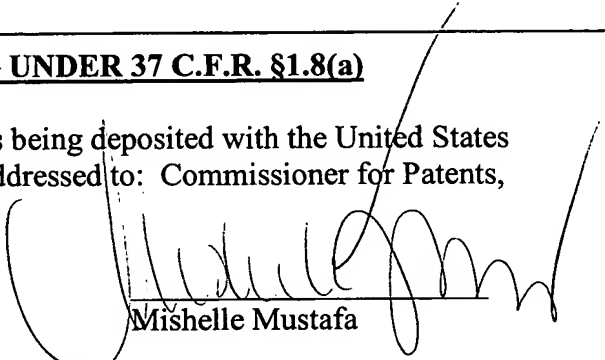
1. U.S. Patent No. US 6,176,864 B1, dated January 23, 2001, issued to Chapman.

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